

JAMES SAXTON.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 382.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. BABBITT, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Saxton, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension agreeable to the provisions of the act of the 7th of June, 1832, report:*

That they have had said petition, with the accompanying evidence, under consideration; that, in the opinion of the committee, the evidence sufficiently establishes the fact that the petitioner served at least eighteen months in the revolutionary war as a private soldier in General Sumpter's brigade, Colonel Polk's regiment, and Captain Martin's company of South Carolina troops; that in 1850 he made his application in writing, under oath, to the proper department, setting forth said facts, and asking to be placed on the pension list of the United States under the act of the 7th of June, 1832, and subsequently furnished to the department the evidence necessary to sustain his application, which application appears to have been mislaid; and at the instance of the Commissioner of Pensions a new application to supply the place of the lost one was presented, which, after considerable delay, appears to have been rejected by said Commissioner, and thereupon the applicant appealed to Congress for relief; that, in the opinion of the committee, the evidence submitted to them sufficiently establishes the fact that said Saxton was and is entitled to be placed on the pension list of the United States under the act aforesaid; and that the granting of his application has, through no neglect on his part, been delayed to the present time.

The committee therefore ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the said James Saxton, directing him to be entered on the pension list by the proper officer as a pensioner under the act aforesaid, as entitled to such pension as said act grants for eighteen months' services as a private soldier.

The evidence on which the committee have come to the above conclusion is, the applications of the claimant on oath setting forth such

services as above stated; the certificates on oath of sundry clergymen of the vicinity, stating their acquaintance with the applicant, and that he is a man of good character for truth and veracity, apparently near one hundred years of age, and has always reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution; the affidavit of James Roberts, aged eighty-eight years, stating that he has known said Saxton from his (deponent's) infancy, and knows that he served as a soldier in the revolutionary war in the corps aforesaid; and a certified copy from the records of the comptroller's office of South Carolina, showing that James Saxton, a private in Captain Martin's company, Colonel Polk's regiment, General Sumpter's brigade, had issued to him in 1784 a certificate that there was due to him £94 sterling, the amount of his pay and bounty for services in said company.